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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

On April 4, 2005, the undersigned conducted a telephonic interview with the Examiner. During this interview, the possibility of adding claims depending from allowed claims 16 and 59 was discussed. Additionally, the possibility of adding independent claim 93, as well as claims dependent thereon (claims 94-108), was discussed. It was agreed that the newly added claims were in condition for allowance and that a formal response containing the discussed claims would be filed. The listing of claims section of the instant response contains a claim set that is identical to the claim set that was discussed during the interview..

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REMARKS

Claims 16-20, 59-65 and 75-108 are pending. Claims 1-15, 21-58 and 66-74 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 60-65 have been amended. In particular, each of these claims have been amended to replace the verb "are"/"is" with the appropriate form of the verb "comprise." Additionally, former multiple dependent claims 60, 64 and 65 have been amended so that they now depend only from allowed claim 59.

New claims 75-108 have been added. Each of the newly added claims, except for claim 93, depends from either allowed independent claim 16 or allowed independent claim 59. Claim 93 is an independent claim that recites elements identical to those of claim 59 except that the phrase "wherein said sites are wells" has been deleted from step (a)(i) of claim 93, the term "microsphere" has been replaced with the term "particle" in step (a)(ii) and the term "discrete" has been deleted from this same step. Support for claim 93 can be found in the specification at page 8, lines 6-23 and page 9, line 32 to page 10, line 2 and elsewhere throughout the specification.

Support for newly added dependent claims 75, 76 and 80 can be found at page 9, lines 26-30, page 17, lines 15-26 and elsewhere throughout the specification. Support for dependent claims 77-79 and 94-98 can be found at page 10, lines 26-35 and elsewhere throughout the specification. Support for dependent claims 81, 82, 85, 86, 88, 89, 90, 91 and 99-102 can be found at page 17, line 15 to page 18, line 17 and elsewhere throughout the specification. Support for dependent claim 83 can be found at page 18, lines 23-32 and elsewhere throughout the specification. In addition to reciting all the limitations of claim 16, dependent claim 84 further recites a limitation that is identical to limitation (c) of allowed claim 59. Support for dependent claims 87, 92, 103 and 104 can be found at page 7, line 26 to page 8, line 4 and elsewhere throughout the specification. Finally, dependent claims 105-108 are supported by the specification at page 8, lines 6-23 and elsewhere throughout the specification. As such, no new matter has been added to the instant application.

In view the scope of allowed claims 16 and 59, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the amended claims and each of the newly added claims are also allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter each of the foregoing amendments and newly presented claims, and then, move the application to allowance.

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CONCLUSION

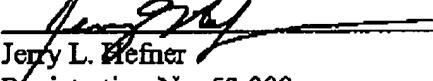
Applicants believe that all outstanding issues in this case have been resolved and that the present claims are in condition for allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below in order to expedite the resolution of such issues.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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